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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH FONMIN SECK, MAR 13.

SUMMARY: SENEGALESE FONMIN APPRECIATES CONTINUING
DIALOGUE WITH US, ADMITS NEED TO EXAMINE HIS COUNTRY'S
RECENT RECORD IN UNGA ON ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US,
SUGGESTS GOS MIGHT ACCEPT GRVN RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IF
SAIGON SOUGHT TO ACCREDIT ONE.
END SUMMARY

1. FONMIN RECEIVED ME AT MY REQUEST MAR 13 AND OPENED
MEETING BY THANKING ME FOR PROVIDING MINISTRY WITH "CLEAR,
COMPLETE STATEMENTS OF US POSITION ON MAJOR ISSUES".
HE PERSONALLY HAD READ ALL POLITICAL NOTES WE SENT AND
AIDE MEMOIRES. HE FOUND THEM HELPFUL IN DETERMINING
SENEGAL'S EVENTUAL POSITION. ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED WAS
MY LETTER OF 5 MAR TO HIM SUMMARIZING CURRENT US ASSIS-
TANCE TO SENEGAL. EMBASSY HAD TAKEN USEFUL INITIATIVE
IN KEEPING GOS WELL INFORMED. HIS PATTERN WAS TO READ
THE PERTINENT DOCUMENT FIRST, COMMENT ON IT, THEN SEND IT
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TO CABINET DIR. SYLLA, AND THE PERTINENT REGIONAL

OFFICE DIRECTOR, WHO RETURNED IT WITH THEIR COMMENTS. A FINAL POSITION WAS ADOPTED IN MEETING, UNLESS THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS WERE REQUIRED.

2. I TOLD FONMIN POINTS HE MENTIONED WERE CENTRAL TO THE PURPOSE OF MY CALL. IN ADDITION TO NOTES AND LETTER DESCRIBING AID PROJECTS HE MENTIONED, I OUTLINED FOR HIM OTHER US ASSISTANCE WHICH WENT TO SENEGAL THROUGH GATE PROJECT, EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE, ENGLISH TEACHING OF CIVILIANS AND MILITARY, AND AMBASSADOR'S SELF-HELP FUNDS, DETAILS OF WHICH WERE IN AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH I LEFT. I SAID OUR RELATIONS WERE VERY GOOD IN AREAS OF ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE. THROUGH OUR MEETINGS WITH FONMIN HIMSELF AND MORE FREQUENTLY WITH HIS PRINCIPAL AIDES, EMBASSY HAD ESTABLISHED PATTERN OF CONSULTATION ON MAJOR ISSUES, AN EXCHANGE WHICH WE CONSIDERED MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. AMONG POSITIVE RESULTS WERE COOPERATION ON CHOICE OF M'BOU AS UNESCO SYG AND SOME OTHER UNESCO ISSUES, LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS, AND USE OF DAKAR AIRPORT AND PORT FACILITIES FOR TRANSITING US MILITARY CRAFT.

3. WHILE THE PATTERN OF CONSULTATION WAS WELL ESTABLISHED, I HOPED FROM NOW ON WE WOULD MAKE MORE PROGRESS TOWARD JOINT EFFORTS AND ACTIVE COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY IN UNGA WHERE WE FELT SENEGAL'S RECENT POSITIONS WERE TOO FREQUENTLY NEGATIVE ON ISSUES OF INTEREST TO USG, FOR EXAMPLE, KOREAN QUESTION. FONMIN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LONGER DISCUSSION ON ASIAN QUESTIONS UPON HIS RETURN. HE HAD NOTED EVERY DETAIL OF US POSITION. OUR EMBASSY NOTES WERE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. WHILE SENEGAL DID NOT AGREE ENTIRELY WITH OUR POSITIONS--PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD PRG, THERE WERE TWO SIDES OF MOST QUESTIONS. COMPARED WITH PRG, GRVN SUFFERED BY ABSENCE OF MISSION IN DAKAR. THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE LEFT IN ANGER WHEN GOS RECOGNIZED PRG, BUT STAYED ON IN ANY STATUS. PRG HAD CLEAR ADVANTAGE AND LITERALLY INUNDATED GOS WITH INFORMAMION WHILE ONLY US ARGUED CASE OF SAIGON. SENEGALESE WERE IMPRESSED BY INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION AND HAVING GOOD AMBASSADOR IN DAKAR WAS IMPORTANT FACTOR IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ANY COUNTRY. WOULD SENEGAL ACCEPT GRVN
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EMBASSY IF THEY DECIDED TO RETURN, I ASKED. FON MIN REPLIED HE WOULD SUPPORT SENEGAL'S AGREEMENT TO SUCH A MOVE AND HE BELIEVED HE COULD PERSUADE PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO AGREE. REP. OF KOREA'S DECISION TO SEND RESIDENT AMBASSADOR HAD GREATLY STRENGTHENED THEIR POSITION HERE. I TOLD FONMIN I THOUGH SENEGAL TENDED TO TILT TOWARD DPRK AND I HOPED ITS POSITION WOULD BECOME MORE FAVORABLE TO ROK. HE SAID HE KNEW THIS WAS US CONCERN.

4. WITH REGARD TO UN AND PERMREP MEDOUNE FALL, SECK SAID HE COULD TELL ME CONFIDENTIALLY HE FELT FALL OVERSTEPPED HIS INSTRUCTIONS AND SENEGAL'S RECENT RECORD WAS IN FACT "A BET EXTREME". THEREFORE FALL HAD BEEN SUMMED TO DAKAR AND TOLD TO MODERATE SENEGALESE POSITIONS. I SAID I HOPED WE MIGHT SEE SOME POSITIVE RESULTS SOON.

5. FINALLY, I TOLD FONMIN WE WERE SURPRISED AND DISPLEASED BY SOME OF THE POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE ADOPTED AT DAKAR COMMODITIES CONF. SOME PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES HAD DISASOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM CERTAIN STATEMENTS AND WE COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT EITHER PROCEDURE OR SUBSTANCE OF RESOLUTIONS REPRESENTED SENEGALESE POSITION. I MADE DIRECT REFERENCE TO PUERTO RICO. SECK SAID CONF. WAS BEYOND SENEGAL'S CONTROL. HE REGRETTED THAT AN ELEVEN O'CLOCK MEETING OF HIS STAFF PREVENTED FURTHER DISCUSSION OF CONF., BUT WE SHOULD CONTINUE OUR DIALOGUE UPON HIS RETURN. HE WOULD LEAVE TONIGHT FOR MEETING IN CUBA, WHICH MEDOUNE FALL WOULD ALSO ATTEND. IN HAVANA AND LATER IN DAR ES SALAAM WHERE HE WILL DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICAN MATTER, SECK WOULD TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW WITH FALL DESIRABILITY OF MORE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH US ON UN ISSUES.

6. COMMENT: I HAD REQUESTED MEETING WITH SECK SOME 10 DAYS AGO WHICH HE SCHEDULED BETWEEN FOREIGN TRIPS. AS USUAL HE WAS FRANK, DIRECT AND CORDIAL. WHILE IT IS UNCERTAIN HOW LONG HE WILL REMAIN AS FONMIN (CURRENT RUMORS HAVE HIM RETURNING TO UNIVERSITY, HIS FIRST LOVE, AS RECTOR), WE WILL TAKE EVERY APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE PERSONAL DIALOGUE WITH HIM.

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7. WE LEAVE TO DEPT ANY RECOMMENDATION ON ENCOURAGING RETURN OF GRVN AMBASSADOR TO DAKAR. ROK AMBASSADOR IS INCREASINGLY EFFECTIVE HERE.
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